

## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – October 22, 2023 – 9:00 am



**Meditation Verse:** *"Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."*  
– Matthew 22:21

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## Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: We belong to God.

**People: God's stamp is on our lives.**

Leader: God's love and compassion is built into us.

**People: God's mercy and hope flow through us.**

Leader: Let's celebrate the powerful presence of God.

**People: Let's rejoice in all the opportunities God gives us to serve. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn #170 - O, How I Love Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

\*Hymn #399 - Take My Life and Let It Be

Kids Message

Message: "Greed"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: Step by Step

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Songs:

- God You Reign

- Trading My Sorrows

\*Blessing

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

## **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

1) *Grow*. As you consider your response next Sunday, where is there an area or two that you can grow in as an expression of gratitude towards God?

2) *Pray*. When has it been most difficult to trust God recently? How has God proven trustworthy and when has God provided? Offer a prayer of thanksgiving.

3) *Study*. Read Matthew 22:34-40. How would your life look different if all of who you are, what you do, and where you go *“hung on two commandments?”*

### **Next Week's Lectionary Readings:**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

To go a little deeper with these readings each day this week, please go to:  
[pastorjohnb.org](http://pastorjohnb.org)

**Next Sunday's Message:** "Disappointment" - Moses was the prophet of all prophets. He led the stubborn, stiff-necked Israelites for 40 years in the desert. If anyone deserved to enter the Promised Land, it was Moses. He gets so close. He climbs Pisgah, the mountain across the Jordan River from Jericho. But he cannot enter the Promised Land. What a great disappointment that must have been! But wait... there he sits, looking back over his life. Moses is not disappointed or filled with regret. He is grateful for the role that he has played in God's unfolding plan. Disappointment will come to all of us too. Life brings us all our share. The big question is this: Even with the disappointments that we face, can we rejoice and give thanks for our place in God's grander story?

### **This Week at Grace**

- Wednesday - 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday - 9:00 AM – Discipleship Small Group
- Wednesday – 6:00 PM – Youth Group
- Thursday - 5:30 PM – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- Friday - 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Chapel

### Upcoming Special Events

- October 27 - 5PM – Fall Family Festival
- November 3 – 4PM – 7PM Turkey Dinner

### **Announcements:**

October Mission of the Month is Socktober (hats, gloves, socks).

Please sign up on the Clipboards, on the table coming into the Fellowship Hall, for opportunities to help make our Turkey Dinner the success it has been in years past. Your help is very much appreciated.

Please consider signing up to serve on a Sunday morning. Simply choose a Sunday that is convenient for you and sign up on the sheets opposite the drinking fountains! Thank you for serving.

**May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!**